

**North American Numbering Council
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2004 (Final)**

I. Time and Place of Meeting. The North American Numbering Council held a meeting commencing at 8:30 a.m., at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-C305, Washington, D. C.

II. List of Attendees.

Voting Council Members:

1. Robert Atkinson	Chairman
2. Teresa Gaugler	ALTS
3. Mark Lancaster	AT&T
4. Michael Altschul	CTIA
5. Stephen Trotman	CompTel/ASCENT Alliance
6. Karen Mulberry	MCI
7. Hon. Loretta Lynch	NARUC - California
8. Hon. Jack Goldberg	NARUC - Connecticut
9. Hon. Elliott Smith	NARUC – Iowa
10. Don Gray	NARUC - Nebraska
11. Christine Sealock Kelly	NARUC – New York
12. Natalie Billingsley	NASUCA - California
13. Joel Cheskis	NASUCA - Pennsylvania
14. Beth O'Donnell	NCTA
15. Rosemary Emmer	Nextel
16. David Bench	Nortel Networks
17. John McHugh	OPASTCO
18. C. Courtney Jackson	OUR
19. John Jefferson	SBC Communications, Inc.
20. Hoke Knox	Sprint
21. Anna Miller	T-Mobile USA, Inc.
22. Thomas Soroka, Jr.	USTA
23. Douglas P. Sullivan	Verizon

Special Members (Non-voting):

John Manning	NANPA
Jean-Paul Emard	ATIS
Amy Putnam	PA
Faith Marcotte	Welch & Company

Commission Employees:

Sanford Williams, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)

Pam Slipakoff, Assistant DFO, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Cheryl Callahan, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Deborah Blue, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

III. Estimate of Public Attendance. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the meeting as observers.

IV. Documents Introduced.

- (1) Agenda
- (2) NANPA Fund Performance Report
- (3) NANPA Report to the NANC
- (4) The “Safety Valve” Process Report
- (5) National Thousands Block Number Pooling Services Report
- (6) INC Report to the NANC
- (7) Authorizing NPA-NXX Assignment Transfer to Facilitate Establishment of New LRN
- (8) LNPA Working Group Status Report to the NANC
- (9) Numbering Oversight Working Group (NOWG) Report
- (10) NANP Administrator 2004 Annual Performance Feedback Survey Draft
- (11) Pooling Administrator 2004 Annual Performance Feedback Survey Draft
- (12) Billing and Collection Working Group
- (13) List of NANC Accomplishments (January 2002 – November 4, 2004)

V. Summary of the Meeting.

An additional item was added to the NANC Agenda: Agenda Item 11.1 – Report of the Billing and Collection Working Group. During Agenda Item 5 and after the NANPA presentation, Qwest will make a presentation on the Safety Valve process. Agenda Item 7 – Don Gray, NARUC, Nebraska, will present a proposal which might be a referral to the INC. Agenda Item 9 – There will be no actual presentation of the LNPA Report. A written report was received from the LNPA. Questions should be sent by email to Gary Sacra.

Announcements and Recent News. Chairman Atkinson announced the appointment of two new members to the NANC: Mark Lancaster as the primary member for AT&T; and John Jefferson as the primary member for SBC.

David Bench, Nortel Networks, announced that this will be his last NANC meeting as he will be retiring from Nortel Networks effective at the end of November. Chairman Atkinson thanked Mr. Bench on behalf of the NANC for all of his work on the NANC.

Helen Mickiewicz, NARUC, California, announced that December 31, 2004 will be the end of Commissioner Loretta Lynch’s term in office. She advised that this will be the California PUC’s last NANC meeting. Chairman Atkinson expressed his appreciation on

behalf of the NANC to Commissioner Lynch and Ms. Mickiewicz for all of their work on the NANC.

On October 22, 2004, Randy Sanders sent an e-mail to the NANC members advising that he will be retiring from BellSouth effective December 1, 2004 and that he will not be attending the November NANC meeting. He stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed working with the NANC members over the years. Chairman Atkinson thanked Mr. Sanders on behalf of the NANC for all of his work on the NANC.

Chairman Atkinson announced that Paul LaGattuta is now working for NeuStar, Inc. and thanked him for all of his work on the NANC.

Chairman Atkinson stated that there is a tremendous amount of valuable experience and knowledge serving on the NANC, and that it is very important to encourage the right kind of people who have the experience, knowledge, temperament, etc. to participate on the NANC. Chairman Atkinson expressed concern that there is some real talent and experience leaving the NANC. He indicated that he will report this to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

Sanford Williams, DFO, stated on behalf of the FCC that the contributions of Mr. Bench, Mr. Sanders, Mr. LaGattuta, Ms. Mickiewicz, and Commissioner Lynch will be greatly missed and that they have provided great service to the FCC. He further stated that their work on the NANC is very much appreciated.

Mr. Williams announced that the Future of Numbering Symposium will be held after the NANC meeting from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes. The September 14, 2004 NANC Meeting Minutes will be reviewed and approved electronically.

B. Welch and Company LLP Billing and Collection Agent (B & C Agent) Report. Faith Marcotte, Welch and Company (Welch), reported that the transition is going well. Notices have been sent out to all of the carriers notifying them of the change in the B & C Agent and providing new contact information. Ms. Marcotte indicated that all of the bank funds from NBANC were transferred to Welch as the B & C Agent by October 21, 2004. As of October 18, 2004, all deposits are being sent to the lockbox set up at Mellon Bank in the name of Welch as the B & C Agent. NBANC has closed their lockbox with directions that any payments sent to their lockbox are to be redirected to the Welch lockbox. There is approximately \$9.3 Million in the bank and approximately \$290,000 in receivables. The approximate amount of the monthly billings is \$213,000.

Ms. Marcotte reviewed a Contributions and Disbursements Comparison chart with the Council. Chairman Atkinson advised that the new Billing and Collection Working Group (B&C WG) will be working with Welch on an ongoing basis. He indicated that the B&C WG will be the main oversight vehicle for the NANC.

Chairman Atkinson noted that the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau had sent a letter, dated September 23, 2004, to John Ricker expressing the FCC's appreciation to NBANC for its work in prior years as the Billing and Collection Agent. He reiterated the NANC's appreciation as well for NBANC's work over the years.

C. North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) Report to the NANC. John Manning, NANPA, presented the report the Council.

Central Office Code (CO) Activity Status Report. Mr. Manning reported that in September 2004, 200 CO Codes were assigned. For comparison purposes, he noted that 360 CO Codes were assigned in August 2004. The average number of CO Codes assigned in 2004 is approximately 250 CO Codes per month. From January 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004, NANPA has assigned 2,367 CO Codes. For this same time frame, 665 CO Codes have been returned. Net assignments to date are 1,702 CO Codes. If assignment trends continue for the rest of 2004, NANPA will assign nearly 3,200 CO Codes, with net assignments at approximately 2,300 CO Codes.

Status of NPA Codes Exhausting within Next 36 Months. Mr. Manning stated that on a semi-annual basis, the NANPA is required to publish the Area Code and NANPA Exhaust Projections at the end of April and the end of October. He reported that the NANPA has completed its work, and the information has been submitted to the FCC. Mr. Manning advised that as soon as the FCC completes its review of the data, and he receives authority, the information will be posted on the NANPA web site. A notice will be sent to the NANC via Ms. Blue, as well as an announcement via the NAS Notification System that the information is available.

Mr. Manning gave an update on the following four NPAs:

- California 310 - On October 7, 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) made a decision not to do any relief planning at this time.
- Illinois 815 – The ICC approved an implementation plan to have the network ready for ten-digit permissive dialing by February 5, 2005 without any customer notice, and set a trigger of 24 codes remaining when NANPA will reconvene the industry to establish the implementation date of the new NPA.
- Nebraska 402 – The Nebraska Public Service Commission (NE PSC) has an industry group investigating conservation measures to avoid NPA relief in both the 308 and 402 NPAs. NE PSC staff asked the NANPA to provide an estimate of NPA 402 exhaust if mandatory pooling were implemented in optional pooling rate centers. This analysis estimate indicated that there could be as much as a four-year delay in area code exhaust.
- Oklahoma 580 – The Oklahoma Commission recently petitioned the FCC for authority to require mandatory pooling all rate centers outside the MSA that have two or more LNP-capable service providers.

FCC Red Light Rule Impact on Assignment of Resources. Mr. Manning stated that the Red Light Rule, a new enforcement tool of the FCC that applies to the NANPA and the PA, started effective November 1, 2004. He explained that service providers who are delinquent in payments to the FCC are to be denied benefits. Benefits are defined to include numbering resources. Mr. Manning further explained that the new rule requires NANPA to deny numbering resources to service providers who have delinquent payments to the FCC. He reviewed the current NANPA interim process that has been in effect since the beginning of November 2004. On a daily basis, the NANPA gets a list of FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs) from the FCC and compares that list of FRNs to the list of FRNs that the NANPA has gathered through the NRUF process. Through that process, the NANPA associates an Operating Company Number (OCN) with the FRN. If that OCN appears on any application that is pending before the NANPA, the NANPA will deny that application due to the Red Light Rule.

Mr. Manning stated that on October 13, 2004, the NANPA submitted two change orders to the FCC as a result of the Red Light Rule. The first change order is the interim red light process which the NANPA has already started. The second change order proposes modifying the NANPA Administration System (NAS) to perform the functions of the Red Light Rule.

D. Safety Valve Process. Mike Whaley, Qwest, gave a presentation on the Safety Valve Process and Delaying Customer Service. Mr. Whaley explained the Safety Valve issue to the Council. He stated that the FCC established a safety valve mechanism to allow carriers to obtain numbering resources when they do not otherwise qualify. Mr. Whaley further stated that the FCC delegated authority to state commissions to hear and resolve waivers filed under the safety valve process. The FCC recognized that failure to address a request for additional numbering resources can impair a carrier's ability to expand or for customers to meet business needs. The FCC advised the states that in most instances a ten-business day interval from receipt of a detailed and complete safety valve waiver request is sufficient time to review and act upon the request.

Mr. Whaley proposed that a change be made to the safety valve process to speed up customer specific requests. He stated that while the safety valve process requires carriers to obtain waivers from state commissions for specific customers, these requests do not necessarily have the highest priority of the state commission. Mr. Whaley indicated that these delays prevent carriers from providing those numbers in a timely fashion. He advised that by giving authority to the NANPA or the PA to grant customer specific requests, it will allow customer requests to be met on time. Mr. Whaley proposed that the NANC recommend to the FCC that this rule change be made.

Natalie Billingsley, NASUCA, California, expressed concern with regard to delegating authority to the NANPA or the PA to grant customer specific requests. She stated that it would be more appropriate for Qwest to file a formal waiver request.

Loretta Lynch, NARUC, California, expressed concern with and opposition to the FCC delegating to the NANPA the day-to-day management of the area code resources. Anna

Miller, T-Mobile USA, Inc., questioned whether Qwest's situation would be resolved if they were to get a response within 10 days as stated in the FCC Order. Mr. Whaley responded absolutely. He remarked that response time is averaging an additional 35 days for Qwest.

Ms. Mulberry stated that MCI had filed for a waiver with a state commission. She further stated that the state commission was dealing with other merger acquisitions and carrier issues at that time and refused to address MCI's waiver indicating that they did not have time and did not know when they would have time to address it. Ms. Mulberry noted that as a result, a switch installation and a lot of other things were held up until the issue was resolved. She indicated that it took several months. Ms. Mulberry opined that it would be worthwhile to understand the variances and differences state-by-state in order to determine whether something needs to be done.

Ms. Mulberry recommended that the NOWG investigate and work with the state commissions to get a better understanding of the individual approaches. She noted that a methods and procedures process might be developed that could assist the NANC in understanding how this operation is supposed to work.

Rosemary Emmer, Nextel, stated that this would be better served under an IMG that is specifically geared towards finding a solution for the overall problem.

After extensive discussion, it was decided that an IMG will be formed with a one-meeting window. Douglas Sullivan volunteered to serve as the IMG Chair. The IMG will meet by conference call, and report back to the NANC at its January 19, 2005 meeting.

E. Presentation by National Thousands-Block Administrator (PA). Amy Putnam, NeuStar, presented the report to the Council. Ms. Putnam stated that the following Change Orders are pending:

- Change Order No. 24 – Recurring NPAC reports, held in abeyance pending outcome of Change Order #26 report and recommendation. The NOWG recommendation was submitted to the FCC on August 26, 2004.
- Change Order No. 25 – A request from a carrier to have the PAS generate a Part 4 report where a carrier can enter an OCN, a state, and NPA to find out the status of all the related Part 4's.
- Change Order No. 27 – Extending Forecast Report from 12 to 18 months.
- Change Order No. 30 – This is related to a change in the INC Guidelines in which the INC proposed that the PAS automatically generate an email to the LERG assignment asking for verification that the pooled NXX has been successfully activated before any blocks are assigned from it.

Ms. Putnam stated that the following Change Orders were sent to the FCC:

- Sent to the FCC on September 17, 2004:
 - Change Order No. 31 – Expand Query Options for Donation Report

- Change Order No. 32 – Modify Process for Deleting PAS work items
- Sent to the FCC on September 30, 2004:
 - Change Order No. 33 – Modify Search/Forms View Query
 - Change Order No. 34 – Modify Part 1A Report
- Sent to the FCC on October 13, 2004:
 - Change Order No. 35 – Red Light Rule Interim Manual Process
 - Change Order No. 36 – Red Light Rule System Modification

Ms. Putnam reviewed the PAS Assignment Volume Report with the Council. She stated that there were 53,882 total assigned blocks in the PAS as of October 31, 2004.

Ms. Putnam reported that for the September 2004 Thousands Block Pooling Report, 5,157 applications were approved; 340 applications were denied; and 510 applications were suspended. For the October 2004 Report, 5,417 applications were approved; 645 were denied; and 525 applications were suspended.

Ms. Putnam reported that the PAS availability was 100% for September 2004 Report and 100% for October 2004 Report.

Ms. Putnam reported that the PA is working with service providers and the FCC Enforcement Bureau on the Non-Participating Carriers Report. The PA will begin working on a new Non-Participating Carriers Report in November 2004 using information from the current NRUF and also from the completed Supplemental Implementation Meetings (SIMS) from the OMB Bulletins.

Ms. Putnam reported that the PA Annual Performance Survey was distributed September 1, 2004. She indicated that the PA provided the ability for service providers to respond electronically. There was a substantial increase in the number of responses. The PA's overall average score was 4.4 out of 5.

Ms. Putnam reported that the PA began implementation of the Red Light Rule on November 1, 2004. The PA made courtesy call until November 1, 2004 to service providers on the FCC list.

F. Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Report. Ken Havens provided the report to the Council. Mr. Havens reviewed the INC Meeting Schedule with the Council members. He reported that at the last INC meeting, there were seven (7) issues that went to initial closure. Mr. Havens noted Issue 455, which deals with criteria for the transfer of code blocks that are not assigned and reserved with a single end-user customer.

Mr. Havens advised that the INC accepted Issue 459 at its October 2004 meeting that requests assignment of NPA 366 which is intended to consolidate all Department of the Navy (DON) telephone numbers under a single NPA within the continental United States (U.S.) He further advised that the INC assigned the issue to the NPA subcommittee, and

the DON representative(s) plans to attend the December INC meeting in Washington, DC to discuss the issue further.

Mr. Havens reported that based on the NANC IMG findings and direction, Issue 407 was placed in initial closure at INC 78. The resolution supports giving service providers the option to process a code request for a dedicated customer in a pooling rate area through the PA or through the NANPA. Mr. Havens thanked the IMG for its fine work in addressing the issue.

Mr. Havens reported that the following two issues remain in initial pending due to the Change Order process: (1) Issue 423 – LERG Assignee Confirmation of Activation in PSTN for Industry Inventory Pool; and (2) Issue 434 – Removal of Codes from NPAC when there are Ported Numbers.

Mr. Havens reviewed the Hits to the ATIS Web Site INC Home Page and Other Pages with the Council.

INC Issue 459 – Request for Assignment of NPA 366 to Dept. of the Navy

Admiral James Godwin, Director of the Navy Marine Corps Internet, Department of the Navy (DON) and Peter Thimmesch, DON, provided a briefing to the Council regarding INC Issue 459 that requests assignment of NPA 366 to consolidate all the DON telephone numbers under a single NPA within the continental United States (U.S.). Admiral Godwin advised that NPA 366 would be used for all of the DON's needs, e.g., a fixed wire, mobile, fax, pager, inbound modem numbers, etc.

Peter Thimmesch stated that NPA 366 will be for exclusive use. He advised that the DON has over one million numbers currently in its assets. He explained that the DON does not intend to strand numbers. The idea is for the DON to return the one million plus numbers that it currently has. The DON will opt out of the traditional plans that the states are providing for all of the Department of Defense entities.

Mr. Thimmesch stated that the DON would manage its own NPA and directory. He advised that its own NPA will aid it as a war-fighting unit, allowing it to have the immediacy of reaching people at all times. Mr. Thimmesch further advised that the NPA will be used for war-fighting elements.

After extensive discussion, it was decided that the issue will be referred to the Future of Numbering Working Group.

G. Authorizing NPA-NXX Assignment Transfer to Facilitate Establishment of New LRN. Don Gray, NARUC, Nebraska, provided a briefing to the Council. Mr. Gray stated that as the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Nebraska PSC) continues to take proactive steps to conserve the assigned numbering resources and extend the life of the 402 area code, it has identified that the issuance of codes specifically to allow the assignment of an LRN may cause the exhaust of the 402 area code unrelated to any

significant increase in a customer base. He advised that this could lead to the implementation of area code relief plans earlier than would otherwise have been needed and thus impose an unnecessary cost and burden on the carriers serving Nebraska and the citizens of Nebraska. Mr. Gray further advised that this is a situation that exists in other states with a significant rural population base.

Mr. Gray stated that this scenario is occurring more frequently in Nebraska as competition begins to move into the rural areas (the good news). He added, however, that when the end result is 40,000 numbering resources assigned to a rate center with a population base of 3,599 (the bad news) you begin to wonder. Two of the carriers have returned their 17 unused blocks to the pool but those numbers are still stranded and most likely will never be used.

Mr. Gray stated that the current INC Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (INC 95-0407-008, dated July 23, 2004) already provides three reasons that the assignment of an NXX may be transferred from one service provider to another:

- (1) A carrier voluntarily withdraws;
- (2) A carrier abandons;
- (3) A large customer that has an entire code is changing carriers.

Mr. Gray advised that what is needed is a change to the policies to enable a voluntary transfer of code assignment between LRN/LNP capable carriers in thousands block pooling rate centers. He stated that it is the Nebraska PSC's opinion that encouragement to transfer NXX code assignment to facilitate LRN assignments is an important piece of the numbering resource optimization effort that has been missing. While this method will not address every situation, it will provide some measure of relief, can be implemented with minimal changes, and continues to use the existing association of the ten-digit LRN with the six digit NPA-NXX method instead of moving to an association of an LRN at the seven digit, thousands block level.

Mr. Gray stated that the Nebraska PSC asks that NANC provide direction to the appropriate committee(s) to modify the necessary procedures to allow service providers to voluntarily transfer the assignment of an NXX code for the purposes of assigning an LRN and allow State regulators to seek delegated authority from the FCC to direct service providers to transfer the assignment of an NXX code to another service provider for the purposes of assigning an LRN to prevent the need to issue of a new NXX code in rate centers that already have an ample supply of numbering resources. The Nebraska PSC believes this is an action which can be taken in a short time frame, does not make any substantive changes to current policies and procedures, has minimal impact to service providers or state regulators who chose not to use these options, and continues the Commissions mission of conserving numbering resources.

Ms. Sealock Kelly commented that this will allow carrier's needs for LRNs to be met without stranding resources. She stated that it is a creative look at how resources can be managed.

It was decided that Mr. Havens, on behalf of the INC, will create an issue on behalf of Mr. Gray. He will work with Mr. Gray to ensure that he fully understands the issue and present it to the INC in December 2004. Mr. Havens stated that the document that Mr. Gray presented will serve as a contribution.

H. Local Number Portability Report (LNPA WG). Chairman Atkinson stated that Mr. Sacra will not be presenting the LNPA Report in person. Mr. Sacra submitted a written report and advised that the Council members should submit any questions by email to Ms. Blue for forwarding.

Ms. Emmer expressed a few concerns regarding the LNPA Report. She stated that she is concerned with the progress that is being made with the Intermodal Porting issues. Ms. Emmer proposed that the NANC direct the LNPA WG to provide more specific reporting on the Intermodal PIMS to the NANC. She advised that the LNPA should provide a spreadsheet indicating when the PIM was initially submitted, exactly where the issue has been referred to, along with the updated status from that committee. Ms. Emmer stated that she had spoken to Mr. Sacra briefly asking him if it would be possible. She indicated that he responded absolutely. Ms. Emmer advised that she will work on it with Mr. Sacra. Chairman Atkinson asked Ms. Emmer to email Mr. Sacra, via Ms. Blue, outlining the type of information that she thinks will be appropriate, and Mr. Sacra can reply to the NANC.

Ms. Emmer reported on PIM 42 which seeks to reduce the wireline validations to be more consistent with wireless validations for porting. She stated that while a few wireline carriers have reduced their validation fields, there are still many required fields on the LSR other than validations. Ms. Emmer stated that this particular PIM is not getting to the end goal, i.e., it is not taking care of the customer experience.

Ms. Emmer reported on PIM 47 which seeks to address minimum industry intermodal standards for purging deals with purging old/abandoned ports. She stated that previously, the Wireless Number Portability Operations (WNPO) team recommended that old/abandoned wireless ports be purged after 30 days. Wireline service providers are investigating internally how they currently treat ports in their systems that have been abandoned for at least 30 days. Ms. Emmer stated that things are not moving quickly enough with regard to finalizing this PIM.

I. Numbering Oversight Working Group (NOWG) Report. Rosemary Emmer, Nextel, presented the report to the Council. Ms. Emmer stated that there are two Change Order Recommendations regarding the Red Light Rule from the NANPA and two from the PA. She reported that all four of the Change Order Recommendations were approved pending modification that the FRN and OCN will be stated on the return reason for the denial.

Ms. Emmer reported that the review of the PA Technical Requirements Document is coming along. The NOWG received input of the INC. Sections for modification and upgrade have been identified. Ms. Emmer stated that the NOWG will present its final recommendation at the January 19, 2005 NANC meeting.

Ms. Emmer reported that the NOWG has completed the initial draft of the 2004 NANPA and PA Performance Surveys. It has been distributed to the NANPA, the PA, and the NANC for final comments. Final comments are due to the NOWG by December 3, 2004.

Ms. Emmer reviewed the NOWG 2004 Meeting Schedule with the Council.

J. Future of Numbering Working Group. Ms. Mulberry advised that a tentative agenda has been sent out with a proposed date of November 16, 2004 at 1:00 PM for a conference call. She further advised that the working group will consider the new assignment as well as any other outcome that might result from the symposium. Chairman Atkinson nominated Hoke Knox to serve as one of the Co-Chairs of the working group. He emphasized that the Future of Numbering Working Group is a critical part of the NANC's future.

K. Billing and Collection Working Group (B&C WG). Jim Castagna, Verizon, presented the report to the Council. Mr. Castagna explained that the NANP Billing and Collection Agent is the NBANC or Vendor. The NANC's Oversight of the Billing and Collection Agent is performed by one of its working groups. Mr. Castagna advised that the working group recommends that it be referred to as the Billing and Collection Working Group or B&C WG.

Mr. Castagna reported that the B&C WG met on October 27, 2005. The NANC Principals, Contributions from Bell Canada, Verizon and Nextel were reviewed. The B&C WG drafted a Mission, Scope, and a List of Primary Activities. The participants in the meeting included Verizon, SBC, Bell South, MCI, Nextel, Sprint, and Bell Canada.

The following is the Mission of the B&C WG:

The NANC's Billing and Collection Agent Oversight Working Group (B&C WG) is responsible for overseeing the performance of the functional requirements provided by the NANP Billing and Collection Agent (NBANC). The B&C WG will investigate/review/ the performance of NBANC and submit reports at each NANC meeting to fully inform NANC of the NBANC's performance with respect to the functional requirements. At the request of the FCC and/or NANC, the B&C WG will identify and determine the financial impact, feasibility and/or the appropriateness of initiatives/activities that may need to be included in the NBANC budget or use NBANC Funds.

The following is the Scope of the B&C WG:

The B&C WG will participate in the development of the budget, contribution factor and payment computation; monitor the billing, collection, and distribution of funds; review for completeness the NBANC NANC Reports and Quarterly reports used to confirm established procedures and records are properly maintained to ensure operational integrity; and perform an annual Performance Evaluation and co-develop corrective actions plans and other change management initiatives as required.

Mr. Castagna reviewed the Primary Activities of the B&C WG with the Council. He also reviewed the Next Steps of the B&C WG with the Council.

There was a consensus decision of the NANC to approve the B&C WG's Mission, Scope, and Primary Activities.

Mr. Castagna will submit a new Mission and Scope with the word NBANC eliminated at the January 19, 2005 NANC meeting.

L. List of NANC Accomplishments. No new accomplishments have been added to the September 14, 2004 list.

M. Public Participation. None.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2005

ACTION ITEMS

November 4, 2004

1. Safety Valve IMG

Determine scale and scope of "safety valve" problem and, if a change is recommended, propose modifications to the "safety valve" rules to minimize the customer impact of delayed safety valve waivers. Report at next NANC meeting. (Doug Sullivan, Verizon, is IMG Chair)

2. INC

Consider LRN proposal presented by the Nebraska PSC.

3. LNPA WG

Provide more detail on Problem Identification & Management Reports (PIMS) to illustrate the timeline and who is responsible for action/delays (a spreadsheet was suggested).